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SUBJ: SITHOLE AGAIN EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR ANGLO-
AMERICAN PLAN

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1. SITHOLE'S " NATIONAL CONFERENCE", CALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 17 (REFTEL), WAS POSTPONED AND HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24. RHODESIAN PRESS STATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 130 REPRESENTATIVES OF 40 BLACK GROUPS ATTENDED. HOWEVER, NEITHER MUZOREWA, ZUPO'S CHIEF CHIRAUNOR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT, SITHOLE, ELLIOT GABELLAH AND A WHITE PROFESSOR FROM UNIVERSITY OF RHODESIA, DICK CHRISTIE, ADDRESSED THE CONFERENCE.

2. SITHOL'S STATEMENT TO THE CONFERENCE REJECTED AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND ACCEPTED THE ANGLO-
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AMERICAN PROPOSALS, HE SAID" WE ACCEPT FULLY THESE PROPOSALS BECAUSE THEY ENSHRINE THIS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM... IF WE ACCEPT THEM WE WILL HAVE THE COOPERATION OF THE REST OF THE WORLD. IF WE TURN THEM DOWN WE RUN THE RISK OF CONTINUING IN ISOLATION FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD. ACCEPTANCE MEANS PEACE. THEY GIVE US A FRAME OF

REFERENCE, A CONTEXT WITHIN WHICH WE CAN RECONCILE
OUR DIFFERENCES. WE CAN NEGOTIATE OTHER ITEMS
WHICH ARE NOT TO OUR LIKING." ON THE ARMED FORCES,
SITHOLE AGAIN SAID THAT NATIONALIST FORCES HAD TO
BE MERGED WITH RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES, ON
CONTACT WITH SMITH, SITHOLE SAID THAT HE IS " PART
AND PARCEL OF THE PROBLEM (SO) WE MUST NEGOTIATE
WITH HIM," BUT ONLY " WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS."

3. IN HIS REMARKS, GABELLAH REPORTEDLY ACCUSED
"SOME PEOPLE" OF PURSUING THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS
ABOVE THOSE OF THE COUNTRY. BOWDLER

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